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Title: **SEMICONDUCTOR CIRCUIT DESIGNING APPARATUS
AND A SEMICONDUCTOR CIRCUIT DESIGNING
METHOD IN WHICH THE NUMBER OF STEPS IN A
CIRCUIT DESIGN AND A LAYOUT DESIGN IS REDUCED**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

☒ one month

☐ three months

☐ two months

☐ four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for the extension of time is \$110.00

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☐ Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application. A verified small entity statement:

☐ has been filed

☐ is enclosed

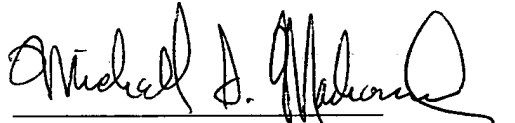
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☒ Response to Official Action

☐ Notice of Appeal

☐ Appeal Brief

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